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Denise DeMichele-Bailin, Federal Strategy Advisor, AARP

Denise DeMichele-Bailin is a Federal Strategy Advisor for AARP. She has been with the Association for 13 LUCKY years in their Government Affairs Department. Currently, she is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with Republican Members of Congress. Prior to joining AARP, Denise worked in the District and Capitol Hill offices of former Congresswoman Connie Morella (R-MD). She received her BA in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland and her Master's in Public Policy at the George Washington University. You can follow her on Twitter @DeniseDBailin where she tweets about issues facing older Americans as well as pop culture and the New England Patriots.



Delegate Aruna Miller, Maryland House of Delegates, District 15, Chair of the Women's Caucus

Aruna Miller was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. She represents Potomac, Germantown, North Potomac, Clarksburg and Poolesville areas of Montgomery County, MD. She serves on the House Appropriations Committee. She is currently the President of Women Legislators of Maryland, the oldest women's caucus in the nation. Miller has devoted a lifetime of public service to the citizens of Montgomery County, Maryland. She is a civil engineer and spent over 25 years as a transportation engineer for Montgomery County Department of Transportation. As a Maryland State Delegate she is a champion of strengthening Maryland working families, protecting children, empowering victims of domestic abuse, and improving Maryland's business climate. She and her husband live happily together in Maryland with their three daughters, her mother, and two dogs.



Kate Nielson, American Association of University Women, State Policy Analyst

Kate manages AAUW's work on state and local policy. She analyzes legislation, tracks developments and trends in state policy, prepares testimony, and drafts model legislative language. As a part of her advocacy work, she establishes relationships with key state policy makers and coalition partners and develops strategies to advance AAUW's legislative priorities. Kate works on a wide variety of policy issues to support AAUW's members but specializes in equal pay. Before joining AAUW, she worked on education policy with the National Governors Association, as a legal fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union, and as an organizer at the Feminist Majority Foundation. Kate holds a law degree and a master's of public policy from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College. She is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

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Maya Raghu, Director of Workplace Equality, National Women's Law Center

Maya Raghu is Director of Workplace Equality at the National Women's Law Center. She works on a range of issues addressing women's economic security and employment opportunity, including pay equity, pregnancy discrimination and sexual harassment. Prior to joining the Law Center, she was a senior attorney at Futures Without Violence and a senior staff attorney at Legal Momentum, focusing on economic security, gender discrimination, gender-based violence and human trafficking, with an emphasis on immigrant and low-income women. Her work encompassed litigation, legislative and policy advocacy, public education, multi-sector initiatives and cross-movement

collaboration. She was also previously an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and a law clerk to the Hon. Vanessa D. Gilmore of the Southern District of Texas. She is a graduate of Trinity University and Georgetown University Law Center.



Dr. Maya Rockeymoore, President & CEO, Global Policy Solutions

The Founder, President and CEO of Global Policy Solutions LLC, a social change strategy firm, and the Center for Global Policy Solutions, a nonprofit think and action organization, Dr. Maya Rockeymoore is dedicated to making policy work for people and their environments. With more than twenty years of experience in the government, not for profit, and business sectors, Rockeymoore has directed successful research and advocacy strategies for an array of nonprofit, philanthropic, academic and corporate clients. The recipient of many honors, she was named an Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow in 2004. Rockeymoore has appeared on MSNBC, NPR, CNN, Fox News, and

C-SPAN among other media outlets.